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1. On 4 April 1952, source observed in Frankfurt/Oder that about 300 workers were employed on the construction of the Autobahn. Work on the construction of an embankment from Buschmuehlenweg to the Oder River was done in several shifts. Ten low buildings and an administration building were observed behind the new cemetery near Oberweg (street). According to a construction foreman, other low buildings had been erected on the bank of the Oder River. There were rumors that convict labor would be used. (1)
2. Source learned from an acquaintance of his, who lives in the border area, that the Autobahn is scheduled to be extended beyond the Oder River through Poland. (1) Between 17 and 25 March, source observed that the new Guben-Forst road along the Neisse River was nearing completion. (2)
3. According to a report published in the Maerkische Union newspaper on 1 April 1952, the Guben-Forst road will be converted into a long-distance highway. (2)
4. On 9 March, source observed that the wooden planking of the Reichenberg Bridge in Goerlitz had been removed. On 16 March, source determined that construction work had stopped. According to the construction foreman responsible for the work on the Polish side of the bridge, the steel for this bridge was expected to arrive from Cracow in the near future. This construction foreman, a German, also said that the bridge was to be opened in early May and that it was designed to have a load capacity of 150 tons. (3)
5. Work on the construction of the Quenz Bridge in Brandenburg was started on 16 October 1951. The bridge was scheduled for completion on 3 February 1952. (4) The bridge near the Tangermuende railroad station, which is of the same size as the Quenz Bridge, was opened to traffic on 14 October 1951. The bridge over the Finow Canal near Zerpensschleuse east of Liebenwalde was completed on 16 October 1951. The Lottscher Bridge near Zerpensschleuse and the Kreuz Bridge south of Liebenwalde were opened on 27 May 1951. All the bridges mentioned are steel structures 54 meters long and 12 meters above water level. (5)

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6. [REDACTED] of the Directorate General, Motor Traffic and Roads, a cantonment with a capacity of 2,000 men was erected on the autobahn between Frankfurt and the Oder River. (1)

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- [REDACTED] comments.
- (1) Information on the extension of the Berlin-Frankfurt/Oder autobahn as far as the Oder River and possibly onto Polish territory was transmitted previously.
 - (2) This information is received for the first time. It probably refers to a new construction project to relocate the highway as large sections between Cuben and Forst are now on Polish occupied territory.
 - (3) The replacement of the temporary road bridge over the Weisse River in Goerlitz by a permanent structure was reported previously.

A load capacity of 150 tons is believed to be an exaggeration. The Soviets specified a load capacity of 80 tons.

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- (4) This project was also reported by another source. See [REDACTED]
- (5) The latter three bridges were included in the 1951 construction program of the Directorate General, Motor Traffic and Roads.

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